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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the notice dated May 4, 2004 Applicants request entry of the following amendment. The amendment is required to add a reference to SEQ. ID. NO: 8.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Applicants' Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.